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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

. Hiromichi HARA

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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE USING THE SAME )

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 10, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed Japanese and European patent documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 8-279458, discussed on page 4 of the subject specification and submitted in the September 10, 2003, Information Disclosure Statement, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,341,006, cited herein.

Japanese patent document number 6-260385, also discussed on page 4 of the subject specification and submitted in the September 10, 2003, Information Disclosure Statement, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,559,584, cited herein.

Japanese patent document number 2001-27727, discussed on page 11 of the subject specification, corresponds to European patent document number 1 069 448 A1.

The Okabe article is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the subject specification.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending U.S. patent application number. A copy of this application is also enclosed.

**U.S. Patent Application No.**

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September 15, 2003

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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